

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.

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In Re Application Of: **Mauro Barbuio**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/531,909	April 19, 2005	Victor MacArthur	20741	3679	3841

Invention: COUPLING ELEMENT FOR INVERTED T BEAMS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 29, 2009 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: May 29, 2009 *Date* until: July 29, 2009 *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 -	20 =	0	x \$26.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$110.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$490.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$490.00

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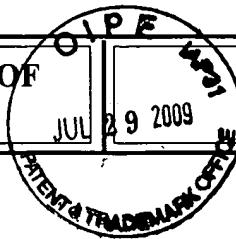
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$490.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2455

- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-2455

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